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It, in effect, places in command of the entire Mission, merges the SO and PC Missions, merges the administrative support functions in and reduces the table of organization to approximately below that previously anticipated). I pointed out to Frank Wisner that I had no reservations about the organization but that the administrative organization within the DD/P's Office might require further resolution between the two of us.

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3. Attended a meeting with a large number of DD/P people on the proposed reorganization of the clandestine services, i.e., merger or no merger. General Smith presided. It was a long meeting at which General Smith emphatically advised everybody that he commanded all field organizations and that DD/P, as well as other people in Washington, were merely staff officers acting in his name. He directed that henceforth all messages would go out signed "Smith", regardless of who wrote them. His tentative decision was to group administrative support, communications, covert training, and TSS under one head under the DD/P. General Smith's ideas were so far from those proposed in the paper presented by DD/P that he agreed to rewrite the basic principles. The next morning, prior to his having done this, I submitted to him a memorandum suggesting that DD/A be redesignated Deputy Director for Administration and Logistics, that most of the DD/P support functions be transferred to DD/A&L, that DD/A&L be recognized as the Director's G-1 and G-4 staff element, and that communications to and from field commanders in the name of the Director be authorized.